

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST  
JULY 2, 2023, 11AM**



Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."  
Matthew 10:40-42

**ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL  
CHURCH**



## **A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, Chapter 28, verses 5 through 9.**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 89, Verses 1-4, 15-18, *Misericordias Domini***

1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; \*  
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; \*  
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; \*  
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

**4 'I will establish your line for ever, \*  
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"**

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! \*  
they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**16 They rejoice daily in your Name; \*  
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

17 For you are the glory of their strength, \*  
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; \*  
the Holy One of Israel is our King.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 6, verses 12 through 23.**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Catherine Hicks**

**As children of God, we affirm:**

**That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation,  
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful.**

**Therefore, we too, seek to be faithful.**

**That Jesus came to show us love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope.**

**Therefore, we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and  
hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
and that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way.**

**Therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:  
Discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

On this Independence Day weekend, let us give thanks for our nation, while asking forgiveness for the ways in which our ancestors systematically removed and tried to destroy the Native Americans who were here before us, in order that today we may strive to live together in unity, working to meet the needs of this world and all our neighbors in your Name.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace, and to extend those liberties to all.

**Help us to know the true liberty of loving and serving one another.**

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines.

**Show us how to work for liberty and for justice for all.**

Creator God, we give thanks for the beauty of the earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts.

**Forgive us for the ways in which we have violated the earth you have made, and grant that in caring for your creation, we may gratefully enjoy and give thanks for its abundance.**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors. **Continue to make us a community of love and send us out into the world to proclaim the Good News of your reign.**

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our prayer

list. Give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that they may be strengthened in their weaknesses and have confidence in your loving care. **Help us to be your healing presence to those in need.**

Eternal God, we pray for those who have died, especially those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power work in them the good purpose of your perfect will. **Make us deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life and lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.**

O Great Spirit, let your voice whisper righteousness in our ear through the West Wind in the late of the day. Let us be comforted with love for our brothers and sisters with no war. Let us hold good health mentally and physically to solve our problems and accomplish something for future generations of life. Let us be sincere to ourselves and our youth and make the world a better place to live. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

**BCP 360**

### **The Peace**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**BCP 830 #51/431**

## **Offertory**

## **The Holy Communion**

### **WE GIVE THANKS**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You brought forth all of creation and filled it with life, from the shining stars at the farthest reaches of the universe, to the abundance of the earth itself; its dark rich sustaining and life giving soil nourished by sunlight and replenished by the rain.

You made us in your image to dwell within your miraculous creation, but we wandered away from your endless gifts of abundance into the waste lands of our own making.

So you sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child, born in a stable, who revealed your goodness and loving kindness.

And so we join the angels as we celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Living in your love, Jesus spread the good news of your kingdom throughout the land of Galilee with stories about seeds, soil, birds, trees, sheep, and lilies of the field. He ate with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and cast out demons. He prayed on the mountains, and walked alongside the sea as he revealed to all with eyes to see the everlasting richness and abundance of your kingdom come to earth.

He suffered and died on a cross fashioned from a tree to save us from our sins. He was buried in a garden tomb. On the third day, you raised him in glory from death into resurrected life.

And you continue to send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, to clothe us with power from on high, to restore us and all of creation to you.

Father, on the night before he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane and then died so that we might live forever in hope, Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.



He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
Again, he thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you.  
This is my blood,  
The new promise of God's unfailing love.  
Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.  
**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.  
**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.  
**Jesus Christ will come again.**

**Father, as we offer You this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.**

**Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, share the good news of Jesus, and live in hope as we wait for his coming in glory.**

**For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, forever and ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
The Communion of the People of God	

<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<b>One bread, one body</b>	<b>LEVAS 151</b>
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Post-Communion Prayer	BCP 365
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### **The Blessing**

Walk tall as the trees,  
Live strong as the mountains,  
Be gentle as the spring winds,  
Keep the warmth of the summer sun in your heart  
And the Great Spirit will always be with you. **Amen**

**Closing Hymn**  
**Dismissal**

**Where cross the crowded ways of life**

**H 609**

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

**O beautiful for spacious skies**

**H 719**

**Resources:**

Prayers of the People: [The Book of Common Prayer](#)

The closing prayer in The Prayers of the People is by Lloyd Carl Owle (Cherokee) in [American Indian Prayers and Poetry](#), edited by J. Ed Sharpe, 1985, Cherokee Publications

The Blessing is a Native American Proverb found in Native American Sunday A Liturgy for Worship Northern Great Lakes Synod Marquette, Michigan

**Hymn History**

**“Many and Great,”** today’s hymn of praise, was originally written in 1842 in the Dakota Native American language by Joseph R. Renville. Its Dakota title is "Wakantanka taku nitawa". The original text is based on Jeremiah 10:12-13.

**“Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart”** is an African American spiritual likely composed in the 1750’s by enslaved African American people. United Methodist scholar Eileen Guenther notes: The recurring text 'in my heart' may reasonably be seen as a statement against the hypocrisy of slave owners who said one thing and then treated their slaves badly and brutally. That the owners who go to church on Sunday morning and even served communion to their slaves can turn around and beat them that afternoon or the next day is a brutal irony. The slaves’ sung desire to 'be more holy' or 'be like Jesus' reinforces their intention to follow the true teachings of Christianity.

## **Announcements**

**Welcome to St Peter's.** May you find God's love present with you in this place and return here often to worship. The communion bread is gluten free. All are welcome at the Lord's table.

**The offering plates are in the back next to the doors. Your gifts help support God's work through this church. Mail -** PO Box 399, Port Royal, VA 22535. **online -** <https://news.churchsp.org/onlinegiving>

**Birthdays – Ken Pogue (July 2), Claudette Okrasinski (July 4)**

**All are welcome at Coffee Hour immediately following this service at the pavilion.**

**July 2, Worship, On YouTube,**

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.petersepiscopalchurchpo677/streams>

**July 2 is the day John Adams believed would be celebrated for independence .** As he wrote his wife, "[Independence Day] will be the most memorable Epocha, in the History of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated, by succeeding Generations, as the great anniversary Festival." Congress approved a resolution for independence on that day. Congress then needed to finalize a document explaining the move to the public, and it took two days for the Congress to agree on the edits. Hence, the annual celebration falls on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**July 4 – Independence Day in Port Royal – Historic Port Royal St Peter's Church, 10am to 2pm**

- Clan MacLeod Pipes and Drums
- Special guests President James Madison and Martha Washington.
- Puppet shows and children's games.
- Horse-drawn carriage rides.
- Reenactors from earlier centuries.
- Craftsman and artisans at work.
- Historic Port Royal museums open to the public from 12pm to 4pm

**Bible Study, July 5, 10am-12pm. Parish House. 5<sup>th</sup> Pentecost**

[https://lectionarypage.net/YearA\\_RCL/Pentecost/AProp9\\_RCL.html](https://lectionarypage.net/YearA_RCL/Pentecost/AProp9_RCL.html)

**School Supplies for Caroline County. Please place your donations of notebook paper on the back pew.** (Goal 200 packs by July 16) . We received 8 packs, June 25

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**The Vestry**

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**Elizabeth Heimbach, Helmut Linne von Berg (2025)**

**Linda Upshaw (2026)**

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Prayer List**

**Laura Carey, Fred and Crystal Pannell, Ken Pogue, Susan and Helmut Linne von Berg, Brad Volland, Rob Dobson, Lydia O' Neil, John Hess, Charles McGuire, Barbara and Tommy Segar, John and Toni Faibisy, Linneth Feliciano, Thom Guthrie, Vivian McDonald, Bill Wick, Barbara and Boyd Wisdom**

**Barbara Deal, Roberta Rutledge** (friend of the Pogues), **Patterson family, Valerie Leitch, Liz Ruthven, Charlene Schakenberg**, (Becky Fisher's mother), **Kathleen Curran** (Matt Hood's aunt), **T. C. Collins, Wayne Cohen** (cousin of Andrea Pogue), **Jimmy and Nancy Davis** (Johnny Davits' brother and sister in law), **Herb Collins, Mrs. Watson, Hyacinth Wallace, Bethune Andrews, Orville Watson** (Linneth Feliciano's mother, sisters and brother), **Sylvia and Jonathan Coleman** (Cleo's daughter and son), **Ed and Doris Hooker, Milijana Grayson, Nika Corwin** (friend of Marcia Kole), **Nathaniel Schnakenberg, Otis Felts** (friend of Johnny Davis), **The Glasgows** (friends of the Felicianos), **Ann Pyle** (Carolyn Duke's mother), **Harvey Yarus** (friend of Tom Kramer), **Joanne Wilkerson and Julie Davis** (sister and daughter of Johnny Davis), **Lois Christie, Rosie Dowdy, Bill Lauck, Anthony Bowman, Dylan Puryear** (BJ's grandson), **Ruth Smith, Joyce Smith** (Laura Carey's sisters-in-law), **Gloria Jewell, The Hill family** (Lydia O'Neil's family), **Lorena McElwain**, (friend of the Pogues), **G. Lee Baldwin, Linda Oliver, Pat Crenshaw** (Brad's cousin), **Joan Pemberton** (Brad's aunt), **Albert Barnett** (Andrea's uncle), **Scott Crabtree** (Eunice Key's brother), **Louise Chapman** (Barbara Segar's cousin)

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